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Using Energy Wisely – Tips for Consumers

Keep the Cold Out

Reducing air leaks could cut 10% from an average household's monthly energy bill. Seal leaks around doors, windows and other openings with caulk or weather-stripping. Check the following:

- ✓ floors, walls, ceilings
- ✓ ducts
- ✓ fireplace
- ✓ plumbing penetrations
- ✓ doors
- ✓ windows
- ✓ fans and vents
- ✓ electrical outlets

Help with Bills

Visit the following websites to view billing programs that can help in managing your gas or electric bill:

www.yankeegas.com
www.socnngas.com
www.cngcorp.com
www.cl-p.com

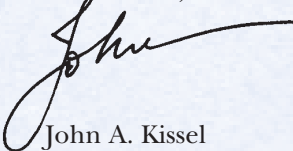
Use Energy Wisely

- ✓ Set thermostats between 65 and 70 degrees during the winter, and at 58 degrees when away from the house
- ✓ Turn down thermostats automatically by installing an automatic setback or programmable thermostat
- ✓ Change or clean furnace filters once a month during the heating season
- ✓ Warm air rises, so use registers to direct warm airflow across the floor
- ✓ Close vents and doors in unused rooms and close dampers on unused fireplaces
- ✓ Set water heater temperatures at 120 degrees
- ✓ Install water-flow restrictors in shower-heads and faucets



You may also be interested in information on energy assistance programs. For more information, contact Infoline at 211, the Department of Social Services winter heating assistance line at 1-800-842-1132, or www.dss.state.ct.us. If I can be of assistance with this or any state matter, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you!

Your friend,


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